

GREENWOOD'S

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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents,
Namaste!

Thank you for taking the time to read "Greenwood Footprints," our school magazine focused entirely on the development of our students. At GWIS, we emphasize on Academics, Sports, Nutrition, and Character to ensure the comprehensive growth of our students. We do not believe in rote learning; instead, we focus on activity-based learning to foster creativity and deep understanding among our Greenwoodians. In this competitive era, I request all parents to motivate their children to participate in Inter-house competitions, Science Olympiads, Art Elementary Exams, and other similar events to boost their confidence and to prepare them to face the world without fear.



Please spend quality time with your child and listen to them, ensuring they feel safe and secure at home. Encourage them to play outdoor games to reduce screen time, whether from television or mobile devices. Make time to attend Parent-Teacher Meetings at school, as this can positively impact your child's progress.

Here I am sharing an emotional letter from a child to parents :

Dear Mom and Dad,

I love it when we play and talk together. It makes me so happy. Sometimes, I feel sad when you look at your phone instead of at me. I miss your smiles and hugs. Can we spend more time together without the phone? I love it when you read stories for me and play games with me.

When you put your phone away, I feel very special and loved. I feel blessed when you attend my PTM and discuss my progress with my teacher. It means the world to me.

I want to remember these happy times with you forever. Your time and attention make my heart feel full.

I love you so much.

Your Child

What an emotional touch!
Fulfilling our child's wishes isn't that difficult.
Is it?

Warm regards,
Dr. Hetal Parikh
Principal
Greenwood International School



EXCITING DAY OF FULL DAY STUDENTS AT THE KHANDHERI CRICKET STADIUM!

The Full Day boys from Classes 4 to 8 had an amazing time at the Khandheri Cricket Stadium in Rajkot. They went to watch the 3rd Test Match between India and England, and it was truly memorable.

One of the highlights of the day was witnessing Ravichandran Ashwin, one of India's star cricketers, achieved a remarkable milestone: 500 Test wickets. The students were thrilled to be part of this historic moment. They cheered loudly for Team India, making the atmosphere at the stadium lively and full of energy.

The enthusiastic participation of the Full Day students from Greenwood School added to the vibrant spirit of the event, highlighting their integral role in school activities and their dedication to embracing enriching experiences outside the classroom.



कौन से महीने में कितने दिन ? - बच्चों के लिए मजेदार गतिविधि

श्रीमती रूपल चावड़ा की कक्षा 2 की हिंदी कक्षा में, बच्चे एक दिलचस्प गतिविधि में शामिल हुए जिसका नाम था "किस महीने में कितने दिन?" इस गतिविधि में, बच्चों ने अलग-अलग प्रकार के चार्ट बनाए और हर महीने में कितने दिन होते हैं, इसकी जानकारी प्राप्त की।



इस मजेदार और आकर्षक गतिविधि के माध्यम से, बच्चों ने न केवल वर्ष के विभिन्न महीनों के दिनों की संख्या के बारे में सीखा, बल्कि उन्होंने कैलेंडर के कार्य और समय प्रबंधन के महत्व को भी समझा। इसके अलावा, यह गतिविधि उनके गणित कौशल को भी मजबूत करने में मदद करती है। इस प्रकार, बच्चों ने खेल-खेल में सीखने का अनुभव किया और यह उनके लिए एक यादगार और शिक्षाप्रद गतिविधि बन गई।

Commerce Club's Industrial Adventure: A Visit to Gravity Casting Industry



Our Greenwoodians of Commerce Club, visited Gravity Casting Industry in Sapor to gain firsthand experience of how a real factory operates. The factory is located 12 km from the school, and they traveled by school bus, full of enthusiasm and with many questions.

Rohit Sharma, the factory manager, warmly welcomed the students and gave them a brief overview of the industry. During the tour, they explored different sections of the factory to see how products are made and distributed. The students asked many questions, which were answered comprehensively.

The visit aimed to give students firsthand insight into industrial operations, helping them understand production, distribution, and real-world business practices.

COMMERCE AND SCIENCE CLUB: Glimpses Into The World Of Amul, Leading Dairy Production

Commerce and Science buddies from class 10-12, along with educators Ms. Renuka Akbari, Ms. Janvi Pithadiya, and Mr. Jash Chandwani, visited Rajkot Dairy to learn about how a major dairy operates. They were welcomed by Mr. Siddharth Monani, the Marketing Manager.

During the visit, the students saw how advanced technology and innovation are used to reduce the environmental impact while producing high-quality dairy products like Amul Milk, Buttermilk, and Curd. The students learned about automated milking systems and data-driven herd management, which make dairy production more efficient without compromising quality.

This visit was more than just a school trip, it was an eye-opening experience. The students got to see how modern dairy production can be sustainable, ethical, and innovative, all while supporting the local community.



Greenwood School Leads Rajkot's Junior MUN for Second Year in a Row!

The Junior Model United Nations (MUN) event was a huge hit, giving students a great chance to discuss global issues. Students from Greenwood School, along with those from RKC, TGES, Saint Paul, and Podar School, showed off their skills and dedication throughout the event.

Six of our Greenwood students took Junior MUN trophies for their outstanding performances at the Junior MUN. This success speaks about their hard work and commitment.

The Junior Model United Nations (MUN) event aimed to develop students' skills in diplomacy, public speaking, and critical thinking while addressing global issues. The outcome was impressive, with six Greenwood students winning trophies, highlighting their growth and mastery of these essential skills.



Growing and Learning : The Benefits of Gardening

Gardening provides students with a hands-on approach to learning about responsibility, cause, effect and self-confidence. The objective is to show that plants need regular care, such as watering and weeding, to grow. This hands-on experience helps to students understand that consistent effort leads to successful outcomes, reinforcing the importance of patience and diligence.

Gardening lets students to see their efforts bloom as they plant and care for seeds. It encourages teamwork while turning classroom lessons into real-world skills, making learning fun and meaningful.

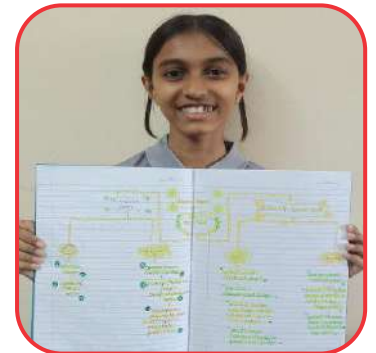
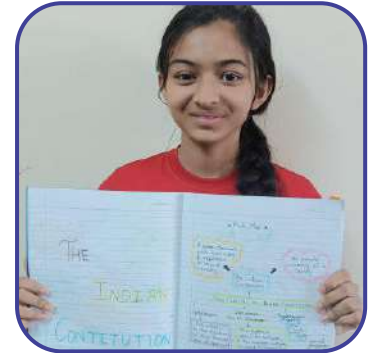
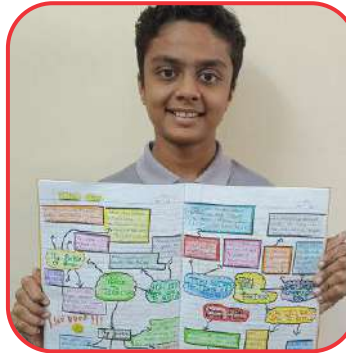
Gardening is an educational activity that helps to students develop responsibility by taking care of plants, and the Eco Warriors of Greenwood have done it successfully.



Mapping the Social Sciences: A Visual Learning Experience

Under the guidance of Ms. Surya Pillai, students embarked on a unique classroom project to create mind maps exploring various Social Science topics—ranging from History and Sociology to Psychology, Economics, and Geography. They conducted thorough research from credible sources and designed vibrant visual representations that highlighted key concepts and connections within their chosen subjects.

During class presentations, Greenwoodians explained their mind maps and shared valuable insights with their peers. This collaborative approach fostered teamwork and encouraged peer-to-peer feedback, helping students sharpen their critical thinking, research, and communication skills.



Exploring Circles : A Hands-On Geometry Session with Class 3

The 3rd-class, with their educator Ms. Anjum Chauhan, had an exciting Geometry lesson about circles. They learned about two important parts of a circle: the radius and the circumference. They used hands-on activities to understand these concepts better.

Each Greenwoodian received a paper circle to find the radius, the distance from the center to the edge. They then used string to measure the circumference. By comparing their results, they saw how the diameter and circumference are related.

This activity shows how hands-on learning can make tricky ideas easier and more fun for kids.



Inspiring Acts Of Kindness : Greenwoodians Visit "DIKRA NU GHAR"

Students from **Classes 4 to 7** from Greenwood International School paid a visit to **Dikra Nu Ghar**, an old age home in Dholra.

During their visit, the students shared warm conversations, expressed their affection, and entertained the residents with songs and dances. The care and attention given to the residents by the staff at the home were truly inspiring.

This visit left a profound impact on the students, fostering values of empathy and respect while underscoring the importance of inter generational connections.



YOUNG INNOVATORS : CLASSES 8 & 9 LEARN & CREATE AT THE SCIENCE CENTRE

Students from **Classes 8 and 9** visited the Regional Science Centre, where they had discussions with mentors and explored exhibits on ***Mechanical Engineering, Robotics, Life Science, and Ceramics**.

During the visit, they took part in an activity about **Reusing plastic bottles and polythene**, learning the principles of the **3R's: Reuse, Reduce, Recycle**.

The trip inspired the students to think about sustainability and gave them insights into technology and innovation.



GREENWOODIANS UNITE : RAJKOT'S CUB, BULBUL AND SCOUT, GUIDE DIKSHA CEREMONIES

Greenwood International School-Rajkot, in collaboration with the Rajkot City District Bharat Scout Guide Sangh, organized two Diksha Ceremonies at the GWIS Campus.

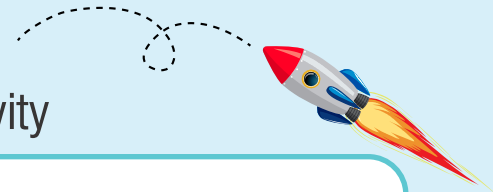
The Cub and Bulbul Diksha Ceremony welcomed 280 participants and was attended by Chief Guests District Secretary Shri Bharat Singh Parmar and Guide Commissioner Shri Alkaben Mori. The students received scarves and took the Scout Guide pledge, with School Director Shri Mayurdhwajsinh Jadeja and Principal Dr. Hetal Parikh. The event ended on a high note with Scout Guide claps led by Alkaben Mori.

In the Scout Guide Diksha Ceremony, District Chief Commissioner Shri Bhikhabhai Sidpara and District Secretary Shri Bharat Singh Parmar administered the oath to 32 Scout Guides. Principal Dr. Hetal Parikh greeted the students, encouraging their commitment to Scout Guide values.

Both ceremonies were successful, with inspiring words and enthusiasm from participants and guests.



GWIS STEM Expo: Greenwoodians Celebrated Innovation and Creativity



Greenwood International School (GWIS) hosted an exciting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Exhibition, showcasing student projects and engaging activities. At the Greenwood Theatre, talented artists wowed audiences, while young vegetable and fruit vendors delighted visitors with fresh produce. The Tea Post and Stationary Shop added to the lively atmosphere, and the Animal Kingdom exhibit impressed with creative animal-themed displays.

Math and Science City, crafted by students and teachers, garnered praise for its inventive presentation of complex concepts. The Robotics Zone became the event's highlight, drawing crowds with interactive demonstrations of cutting-edge technology. The Art Gallery offered diverse art forms and fun games, providing something for everyone. The exhibition not only celebrated student creativity in STEM but also fostered a sense of community, encouraging parents and visitors to embrace the wonders of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.





SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS EXPO



MOMS' DAY OUT : A CREATIVE DIWALI CELEBRATION

Greenwood School held a special event for Prep mothers as part of its Diwali celebrations. The busy moms took a break from their usual chores to showcase their creativity by designing and painting colorful rangoli patterns with our young Greenwoodians. Each mom brought her own colors and created unique, beautiful designs. It was a fun and festive day filled with art and tradition.



DISNEY DAY, BRINGS JOY TO TODDLERS AT GWIS

The toddlers at GWIS had a blast celebrating Disney Day. They got to meet a bunch of Disney characters like Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, Spider-Man, and even the Joker. The kids were all dressed up as their favorite Disney characters and had tons of fun, singing and dancing in a lively Disney parade. The day was filled with happy, music and cheerful smiles as everyone enjoyed the magic of Disney.



• **STUDENTS CORNER**

ADVENTURES OF SHREE RAMA: MY FAVORITE STORY!

Ramayana is the holy book of Hinduism. It describes the duties of relationships, portraying ideal characters like father, brother, wife, and the king. King Dasaratha had four sons: Rama, Lakshmana, Bharata, and Shatrughna.

This story is about Lord Rama, the son of Dasaratha, the king of Ayodhya. Rama was chosen to be the heir to the throne but, due to unfortunate events, he went into exile for fourteen years to help his father. His wife Sita and his younger brother Lakshmana also went with him.

One day, Ravana, the king of Lanka, abducted Sita. Then, Lord Rama, with the help of Sugriva and Hanuman and their army, defeated and killed Ravana.

After Rama's victory, Sita and Rama completed their 14 years of exile and returned to Ayodhya. That day is celebrated as Diwali, the biggest festival in India.



JIMMIT KESARIYA (CLASS : 3B)

DAKSH'S DREAM: A SUPER-POWERED JOURNEY

I desperately dream of having superpowers. Superpowers go beyond exhibiting the strength of an ordinary human. I want to bring about change in the world using my superpowers:

With the capacity to move at incredibly high speeds, I can help anyone at any time. By controlling time, I would ensure that special moments are cherished and utilized to their fullest potential.

With the ability to manipulate elements, I would safeguard the environment and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come.

If I had the power to inspire hope, I would instill courage and optimism in the hearts of those facing adversity.

DAKSH PANDYA (CLASS : 4A)



• STUDENTS CORNER

Go Green : Plastic Should Not Be Seen

Plastic pollution is a global problem affecting our environment, health, economy, and ecosystem. When we use plastic products, we don't think about the long-lasting impact on our planet. Once the use of plastic increases to a significant extent, it becomes an endless problem.

Plastic use also affects marine life and causes significant damage. Aquatic animals can get tangled in plastic waste or ingest it, which creates a great deal of harm. The ingestion of plastic leads to a loss of proper oxygen intake and disrupts the ocean and the aquatic ecosystem.

To address this issue in daily life, we should reduce the use of single-use plastic products and start recycling plastic. Governments and businesses must work together to create policies that encourage the transition to more sustainable alternatives.

As citizens and important parts of this planet, we can also make a difference by taking small steps towards reducing the use of this harmful material called : PLASTIC.



PRANJAL BALDEV (CLASS : 8A)

DIKSHITA'S NUTRITIOUS PATH : HEALTHY HABITS FOR LIFE

"The Importance of Eating Healthy Food"

We often hear that healthy foods are essential for living a disease-free life, but it is very important to know the composition and value of healthy foods. So, here are some lines:

- Every individual needs healthy food for a healthy body.
- Healthy food contains all the necessary elements for our body like protein, vitamins, fats, and carbohydrates, etc.
- Healthy food is a requirement of our body.
- Healthy food provides proper nutrition to the body.
- Healthy food makes us stronger and helps in maintaining an active physical body.
- Healthy food also helps us in balancing our body weight.
- Healthy food does not let us feel lazy and dull.
- Healthy food can be easily metabolized by our body.
- Healthy food is most essential for growing children.
- Healthy food is a must for living a long and happy life.



**"EAT HEALTHY,
LIVE HEALTHY"**

DIKSHITA THAKUR (CLASS : 3B)

• **STUDENTS CORNER**

MEET MANYA'S FAVORITE CARTOON CHARACTER

My favorite cartoon character is Mr. Bean. He is very popular among children, and I would be thrilled to meet him one day.

Mr. Bean is known for his silly tricks and his ability to make people laugh in any situation. If I got to meet him, I would ask him to entertain me, and then I'd sit down and talk with him.

One of the best lessons I've learned from him is that we should enjoy the little things in life because that is the key to happiness.

I would also like to learn other lessons from him, like:

- How to enjoy our own company
- How to be innovative
- Why we should never quit because every problem has a solution

Finally, I would want to take a photo with him to remember our meeting because I know I would miss him a lot afterward!

MANYA HIRPARA (CLASS : 2A)



THE FUTURE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND ITS IMPLICATIONS



The future of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is one of the most rapidly evolving aspects of technology today. AI is being used to solve complex problems, perform various tasks, and create new products and services. The implications of AI in the future suggest that its productivity may boost our workplaces, enabling people to accomplish more in less time.

The benefits of AI include driving down the time it takes to complete tasks. The positive impacts of AI in the future include increased efficiency, productivity, and accuracy across various industries, as well as its helpful applications in education and sustainability.

YATRI MEGHANI
(CLASS : 9B)

STUDENTS CORNER

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO READ STORY BOOKS

Reading a storybook
improves our :

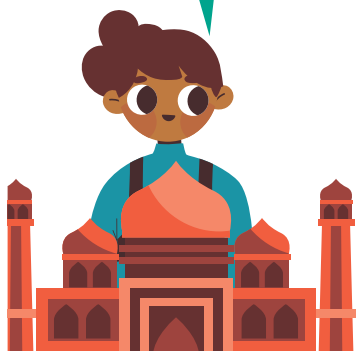
- Imagination.
- Memory.
- Lowers our stress.
- Allows for growth of emotional support.
- Improves our concentration.
- Enhances imagination and creative thinking skills.
- Can improve brain and memory function,
keeping your brain operating well as you age.



YUG DOBARIYA (CLASS : 6A)

THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING A SECOND LANGUAGE

Hello!



The importance of learning a second language lies not only in acquiring linguistic capabilities, but also in exercising your brain in many ways that will benefit you for a lifetime. Going abroad helps you develop a global perspective, experience different cultures, and build empathy for others.

When we know French, traveling to France becomes easier because we can understand the language, making the trip more enjoyable and productive.

MALAY SAKHIYA (CLASS : 7B)

Bonjour!



THE KITE

Kites, kites,
Flying high,
Seeming to reach the sky.
Up and down, up and down,
Pretty kites, I like flying you.

Dive and dip,
It soars like a ship
With only a sail.
When it is over tides,
It climbs to the crest,
And when the wind falls,
It seems to rest.

It looks bright
In the blue sky.
Then you see it ragged
As a thing you never will see
When it flaps on a striking
Branch at the top of a tree.

Kites, kites,
Flying high,
Seeming to reach the sky.
Up and down, up and down,
Pretty kites, I like flying you.

RUSHIKA JOBANPUTRA (CLASS : 7A)

• STUDENTS CORNER

THE BENEFITS OF READING: IMPACT ON IMAGINATION

Reading is a powerful tool that not only entertains and educates but also stimulates the imagination and expands our understanding of the world. The benefits of reading are numerous, ranging from improved cognitive function to enhanced empathy and creativity.

One of the key benefits of reading is its impact on the imagination. When we read, we are transported to different worlds, times, and realities—all created within the confines of our mind. This exercise of imagining and visualizing characters, settings, and events can develop enhance our creativity and problem-solving skills. Reading also helps us to develop empathy by allowing us to see the world from different perspectives. As we immerse ourselves in the lives of characters who may be different from us, we learn to understand them. This, in turn, can lead to greater compassion and understanding in our own lives.

Furthermore, reading has been shown to improve cognitive function, including increased vocabulary, comprehension, and analytical skills. It can also enhance memory and concentration, making it an excellent brain exercise for people of all ages.

ZIYA DESAI (CLASS : 7A)



Reading broadens your knowledge of real people, places, and things, as well as made-up people, places, and things. This allows children to take both real and imagined characters, settings, and objects and imagine them in their own lives or in a world that exists only in their minds. Reading has many benefits for students, from inspiring imagination to improving academic abilities. When students embrace the importance of reading, they can reach their full potential. During drama activities, children must respond creatively to various scenarios, helping them to think in a much more open way.

Reading reduces stress and helps you relax, improves your concentration and memory, enhances your knowledge, increases your imagination and creativity, and expands your vocabulary while strengthening your writing abilities. It also allows you to imagine reading skills and create a world where your dreams come true. You can dive into the text and swim through different words as your imagination grows. Reading improves your imagination and takes it to another level of satisfaction.



SHAGUN GOSALIYA (CLASS : 8A)

• STUDENTS CORNER

AI & ITS COMPLICATIONS

The knowledge of science implemented for practical use is technology. Technology has completely changed the world and our daily lives to a significant extent. Things that were not possible a few years ago have now become common place. The invention of the wheel, spears, and stone tools were some of the most significant developments in the Stone Age era. From a simple watch to a supercomputer, technology has permeated every aspect of our lives.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is one of the most transformative technologies of our era. AI systems are capable of learning, adapting, and making decisions with minimal human intervention. This has led to significant advancements in fields like medicine, finance, and transportation. However, it has also raised concerns about privacy, ethics, and the displacement of human jobs.

For example, the algorithms behind Google's search engine and other platforms rely on AI to deliver relevant results and targeted advertisements. Chatbots, operated with AI, are increasingly used by businesses to answer basic customer queries, offering 24/7 support. Despite these benefits, AI technology poses certain risks. The lack of human oversight can lead to unintended consequences, and there are debates about AI's role in politics and surveillance.

The key challenge is to harness the power of AI while minimizing its complications, ensuring that technology remains a force for good in society.

TARUN MATTA (CLASS : 9A)



THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING



Positive thinking is an attitude or mindset characterized by optimism and happiness. A positive person hopes for the best and anticipates success in life. Although many may scoff at the idea of always being positive, it has a plethora of benefits not only for the mind but also for the body. Positive thinking brings happiness to the soul and makes one feel lighter. This often leads to performing good deeds and enjoying life. People are naturally drawn to such individuals.

Being negative in one's "words and actions" causes the exact opposite reaction. It is well known that people tend to avoid those who spread negativity. They do not want to be around someone who brings down the energy of the room. Positive self-talk can improve your health and increase your chances of success in life. It is advisable to refrain from using harsh words, whether in thoughts or speech.

FORAM TRIVEDI (CLASS : 5C)

• Teachers Corner

Positive Parenting

Parents are the first mentor of the child and the teacher is the second. Both have an immense contribution in shaping child's personality.

In today's hard and fast life children do not get proper attention from their parents as both the parents are working but parents and educators play a very important role in student's life.

Positive parenting techniques works well for raising children with discipline and good moral values.

Every young mind have that potential power in them it's just that they need proper guidance and support.

Few points to keep in mind for a positive parenting:

- Need to develop safe and interesting environment around the child.
- Have positive learning environment.
- Have realistic expectations from the child.
- Always express love and affection towards the child to maintain cordial relationship.
- Do not under-estimate your child instead start understanding your child.
- Say no to comparison.
- Mould their character to bring best out of them.
- Boost self-esteem of your child.
- Make communication a priority.
- Give proper time to your kids.
- Be a good role model.

So let's take one step ahead and bring positive change in the life of our beloved Greenwoodians.

By Ms. Hetal Pawar (HOD - Pre-Primary Section)

The Value of Outdoor Play

"Children still need a childhood with dirt, mud, puddles, trees, sticks, and tadpoles." – Brook Hampton.

In our screen-focused world, outdoor play is a vital break from technology. Too much screen time can cause health issues like obesity and heart problems. Outdoor games promote physical fitness and reduce stress.

Playing outside boosts teamwork and communication skills, providing benefits that digital interactions can't offer. It encourages creativity and problem-solving, offering kids a more well-rounded learning experience. Outdoor activities promote lifelong fitness habits and support a healthier lifestyle, benefiting both body and mind.

By Ms. Neelamri Jadeja

(HOD - Secondary and Higher Secondary Section)

Blessed & Blissed

To me,
You are my guide,
who always stand by my side.
You are my pillar,
that understands my inner.
You are my intuition,
that always gives me vision
You are my pedestal,
to lean on,
and an incredible one,
to ride on.
You are my star,
that always removes my scars.
You are my scope,
in which i saw my hope.
You are my roof,
that always shows me truth.
And you must know,
You are my sweetest pie,
till I die.

By Ms. Rashmi Chhabariya
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